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# Rabbi sees Israel focus of world anti-U.S. attack

TORONTO-

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut warned his congregation last week that stormy days may be ahead for Israel and the Diaspora Jews as the result of a world-wide campaign aimed at undermining the power and inner strength of the United States.

The Holy Blossom rabbi, addressing close to 1,000 members attracted by the gravity of tone in a Temple bulletin announcing the forthcoming public affairs lecture, made these points:

--The same professional forces of the Old and New Left which combined so successfully in attacking the Vietnam involvement of the United States, may now marshall their forces against Israel as the focus of the campaign against "U.S. imperialism."

--The Soviet Union will likely engineer a world-wide propaganda campaign against Israel as part of its continuing struggle against the United States, and will attempt to isolate Israel. Pressure will be put on the U.S. government to disengage itself from support of the Jewish state.

--The relationship of Jews to the Christian community will undergo a severe period of trial which may produce overt anti-Semitism in some cases, conversionist efforts, or complete disregard of Jewish sentiments.

This was no ordinary Friday night, public affairs lecture and the unusually large turnout of members were left in no doubt that Rabbi Plaut felt he had a message of extreme importance to give them. He told them that Canadian Jewry would feel the impact of the political campaign; that he was not trying to increase their level of anxiety but being forewarned meant being forearmed.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut

"If this new coalition arises against us, we above all should know why and how we have become the target and what is behind it," Rabbi Plaut said. "Let us bend every effort to warn off an unsuspecting public. Do not hesitate to call anti-Semitism by its name when it raises its head. Not every criticism of Israel falls under this rubic, but we and others must learn to know fair from foul."

The rabbi said that with the war in Indo-China apparently winding down, a new focus has to be found for a continuing attack on the United States and unless something entirely new happens on the international scene, Israel will likely become its focus.

"If this happens, the professionals who used the Vietnamese conflict to get at the core policies of the United States, will have the same interest in the liberation of Arabs as they had in the liberation of Vietnamese," the rabbi told his audience.

Rabbi Plaut said it needed to be understood that a good deal of the opposition to American participation in Vietnam was politically motivated from outside and had little to do with humanitarian impulses. Millions of people had a genuine concern for the Vietnamese and for peace, but their activities were to a significant degree inspired by forces commonly known as the New Left which frequently allied with and dominated the Old Left.

"There are 100,000 people in the United States and an equal number in other countries, including Canada, who will find themselves in search of a cause. They have become accustomed to sitins, marches, posters and protests. It is my prediction that all things remaining equal, the new focus will be on the Middle East. Israel will be the villain and 'Arab liberation' will be the slogan replacing 'freedom for the Vietnamese.' But the main target and tune will be the same. The United States, its foreign policy as well as its domestic system, will be the chief object of attack."

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# Continued support for Israel pledged by Nixon to Meir

WASHINGTON (JTA)-

White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler told reporters that President Nixon assured Prime Minister Golda Meir "of continuing U.S. support" for Israel during their 90-minute talk at the White House. He added: "The talks were conducted in a friendly atmosphere which is the usual atmosphere when the prime minister and the president hold discussions."

Ziegler, noting that the president has met recently with King Hussein of Jordan and Hafez Ismail, Egyptian President Sadat's personal envoy, warned, "There has been a period of long contention in the Middle East and we should not expect immediate solutions. But, as we have said before, we are interested in doing what we can to contribute to a peaceful solution of the situation in that area."

The White House spokesman stressed that it would be "inadvisable" to expect an easy or instant or immediate results. The question, however, remains one of what we can contribute to moving toward peace in the area, he said. Asked what the next step would be, Ziegler replied, "There have been very strong and constant discussions on the situation and these contacts will continue."

The main purpose of Mrs. Meir's visit to Washington was to seek a $565 million U.S. aid package for the coming fiscal year, including $300 million worth of military credits for the purchase of the latest model fighter bombers and helicopter gun ships.

The present U.S. foreign aid program for fiscal 1973, which expires June 30, has ear-marked some $500 million in aid for Israel, including about $300 million in military purchase credits. The aid bill has yet to be passed by Congress but is kept alive by continuing resolutions adopted by Congress.

(Six representatives of the Toronto Jewish community met with Prime Minister Golda Meir this week to get a briefing on the latest developments in Israel. The meeting with Mrs. Meir took place at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York.

Included in the Toronto delegation were: Al Green, 1973 UJA-ISF campaign chairman; Fred Eisen, chairman of special gifts; Joseph Godfrey, Milton Harris, David Satok and David Marks, UJA campaign director. Mrs. Meir also met with other Canadian representatives at the same time.)

While Nixon and Mrs. Meir were chatting, some 60 Arab students and American sympathizers were picketing across the street from the White House. Picket signs read: "Freedom and Justice For All Oppressed People," and "Golda Meir--Red Witch of Counterfeit Red Israel." The demonstration was sponsored by the Free Palestine Movement and Youth Against War and Facism. The latter is a splinter extreme left-wing anti-Zionist anti-Israel group. About 40 Jewish youths stood a distance away from the pickets but made no move to molest them.

Premier Meir told reporters that there were no argu-

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Nazi fighter Simon Wiesenthal (Willer photo)

Eight alleged members of a Jewish-Arab spy ring read the latest newspaper accounts of their doings. Rami Livneh, wearing sunglasses, and Hassam Akbariyeh, wearing hat, read with the others. (IPPA Photo)

# *Accused spies enter courtroom singing 'Red Army Comrades'*

HAIFA (JCNS)-

Handcuffed to policemen, the group of six men, including two Jews, accused of spying for Syria, sang a Second World War Russian song, Red Army Comrades, as they entered Haifa District Court at the resumption of their trial, which was adjourned on Feb. 11.

Just before the proceedings opened, defence counsel met the prosecution in an attempt to reach an agreement whereby the defendants would admit certain parts of the indictment in exchange for the dropping by the prosecution of the main charge of "espionage and sabotage with intent to overthrow the government."

Persons convicted of this charge are liable to a sentence of death or life imprisonment.

The legal talks failed and the pleas remained as originally entered with Ehud Adiv, the 26-year-old main Jewish defendant, who is charged with recruiting Jewish members for the alleged Syrian spy ring operating in Israel, pleading "not guilty."

But Adiv, a Sabra-born former Israeli army paratrooper, admits passing information likely to aid the enemy during visits to Greece and Syria where he was given money and codes to receive instructions through Damascus radio.

A police witness, read to the court three statements by Adiv, alleging that he maintained links with Daoud Turki, a 45-year-old Haifa bookseller, in order to establish a Left-wing organization and seize power in Israel.

Turki, another member of the group of six, is accused of heading the local Arab-Syrian spy network. Adiv's alleged statement continued by describing visits to Damascus and his training there in the use of arms and explosives. According to the alleged statement, Adiv passed military information to a terrorist agent with the code-name Abu Kamel. Some details were omitted because they were classified as secret.

Adiv admitted going three times to Greece for meetings with a Syrian agent, and once to Damascus for weapons and training in sabotage. He received money and instructions and was taught to use invisible ink and to write messages disguised as love letters, and passed on some Israeli military information.

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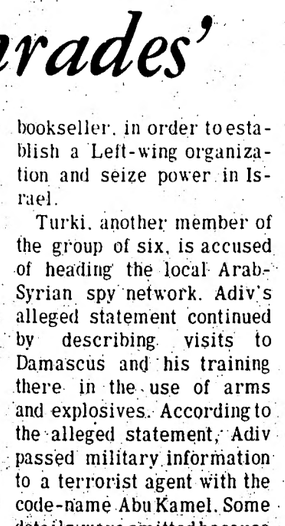

Ehud Adiv

*An historic step*

# Justice in education vote at last for Montreal Jewry

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief
MONTREAL-

Bill 71, the recently enacted education legislation which reorganized and reduced the city's multitude of school boards, is in the process of being implemented, and for the first time in the history of the community every Jew will be enumerated for voting purposes.

According to Dr. Samuel Lewin, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Eastern Region, a 100-year old struggle for Jewish rights in education has come to a conclusion.

Although the entire island and Lakeshore population will be enumerated, it has special implications for Jewish citizens, because prior to the new law Jews could not even elect representatives of the Jewish faith to school boards.

In the past, five Jews were appointed to the 25-member Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, and some sources believe the number will drop as a result of the free elections.

Few Community leaders dispute the argument that the appointment system was both undemocratic and even embarrassing, with the present situation far more acceptable.

Enumeration procedures will be separate and distinct from any electoral lists, with door-to-door canvassing for information scheduled from March 9 to March 17.

Any Canadian citizen over the age of 18, with or without children of his own, will be entitled to vote and run in the elections.

This month parents will decide to opt for either the Catholic or the Protestant electoral systems while religious instruction will be left to the choice of the individual.

For those parents whose children attend private schools, and this applies to about 25 per cent of the Jewish community, they, too, will be able to opt for either the Catholic or Protestant panels.

For the 75 per cent, Jews have historically sent their youngsters to Protestant schools, and it is highly likely for this circumstance to continue.

# *Jews in Americas 1,200 years before Columbus: professor*

By NORMAN TOLLINSKY
TORONTO-

If the theory that Christopher Columbus was Jewish causes any surprise, evidence of a Jewish presence in North America some 1,200 years before him is guaranteed to boggle the imagination.

Professor Cyrus Gordon, chairman of the Mediterranean Studies Department at Brandeis University, caused more than one of his listeners at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Synagogue to choke momentarily on their lox and bagels during last week's Sunday morning breakfast.

The evidence, found in such disparate locations as Tennesee and Brazil, was unearthed in one case almost a century ago but it is only now being properly identified, said Gordon.

An archeological dig at Bad Creek, Tennesee in 1894, turned up a curious-looking stone bearing an inscription that was long thought to be Cherokee. However, a few years ago, somebody turned the stone right side up and lo and behold, Hebrew letters of the style used in the first and second century suddenly appeared. Hebrew coins of the Bar Kochba period have also been discovered in the vicinity by farmers ploughing their fields.

The theory advanced by Gordon is that, following the final triumph of the Roman Empire over the Jews in 135 A.D., the vanquished had both the means and the desire to get as far away as possible. Few in number and lacking a superior military technology, the Jews were either absorbed or massacred by their Indian hosts.

Another source of evidence, this time attesting to a Jewish presence in Brazil during the sixth century was found in 1872. The script was circulated among scholars and finally pronounced a forgery. However, Gordon's research and investigation again discredits the original verdict.

The eight-line inscription tells the story of a sixth century voyage from the land of Caanan "in the 19th year of our great Hiram the Third." Ten ships set out from the port Etzion Gever, circled Africa, and made a

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# *Why restitution only to Jews?*

By ESTHER MEHR
TORONTO-

A great moral lapse on the part of post-war leaders was their failure to arrange for restitution to non-Jewish victims of the Nazis, Simon Wiesenthal, director of the Documentation Centre in Vienna, told The Canadian Jewish News in an exclusive interview last week.

The legendary "Nazi hunter" who was in Toronto last week at the invitation of B'nai B'rith, said that 11 million people were exterminated during the Second World War.

"I make no distinction between Jew and non-Jew. We were all brothers in the camps," he said. "By continually referring to the six million we make it only a Jewish problem when in reality the Nazis commited crimes against all humanity."

A successful architect in Poland before the war, Dr. Wiesenthal's direction in life changed drastically two days after American troops liberated the Austrian concentration camp in which he was an inmate.

"I weighed 90 pounds and had no one in the world. I was one of the few of the Jewish intelligentsia to survive and felt there was no purpose to my life," he recalled. "I went to the man who was still in charge at the camp and asked for a permit to leave. He became abusive and beat me so that I had to be carried back to my bunk. It then dawned on me that I was free and demanded to see the American commander. After relating what had happened, I was asked to report to the newly-formed War Crimes Branch."

From that moment, Wiesenthal became unofficial spokesman for the camp's survivors and because he was fluent in eight languages, the Americans asked for his assistance in rounding up and questioning Nazis. For a quarter of a century this has been his consuming passion. From his Vienna headquarters, he and a small staff have hunted down over 20,000 Nazi war criminals, including the notorious Adolph Eichmann.

Although the centre has to depend on individual contributions for its survival, Wiesenthal has consistently refused to be subsidized by the Israeli government. "All Jews should support Israel," he declared. "I don't want mine to be the one organization to receive financial aid from the new state."

A major part of his support comes from the Wiesenthal Foundation in Holland, formed in 1963 by non-Jews. It has 3,000 members, 400 of whom are Jews. On April 10, 1967, after the arrest of the commander of Treblinka concentration camp, all banks in Holland opened for one hour between 11 and 12 p.m. for a special fund-raising drive which resulted in $100,000 in contributions to the foundation.

"In Holland I am a hero," Wiesenthal said, "but I am not too popular in other countries."

At a press conference earlier, Dr. Wiesenthal said there were 15 known Nazi war criminals now living in Canada. Their names and whereabouts had been reported to the Canadian government but no action has been taken. As a guest in Canada there was nothing further he could do but felt it was up to Jewish organizations and individuals here to protest to Ottawa.

To the question put to him most often--is it not time

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# WORLD NEWS

# Israelis are stunned by criticism over air tragedy

JERUSALEM (JCNS)–

Israelis expected to be criticized for the shooting down of the Libyan Boeing with the loss of more than 100 lives, writes Geoffrey D. Paul. But they were unprepared for the bitter universality of that condemnation and what in general they regard as its failure to take into account the extenuating circumstances.

The extent and nature of the world's anger and the manner in which it has been expressed has created a "backs to the wall" atmosphere among large masses of the population. The majority of the public has regarded the shooting down of the Libyan aircraft as a legitimate defensive action. The nationalist--and in this sense the word is interchangeable with religious--press has dismissed the Western reaction as an "anti-Semitic campaign" or even worse as a demonstration of the fact that "the Christian world is not prepared to accept the fact of the existence of a Jewish state in the Holy Land."

The establishment press, representing those papers whose parties support the coalition government, has adhered closely to the official line that guilt for the incident lies with those who have created the climate in which innocent civilian aircraft must be regarded as carriers of some dreadful death.

Below the surface image presented to the outside world, however, thinking Israelis have been engaged in the often harrowing debate with themselves which derives from the belief that Israel made a dreadful mistake and compounded it by not confessing it erred and throwing itself with all the excuses which were available on the world's understanding.

**Feisal Mohammed el-Shariya is hospitalized in the Negev Central Hospital with fractures and minor burns suffered in the Libyan air disaster. He said he told the pilot he saw fighter planes. The pilot replied, "Don't worry, they're ours," according to el-Shariya. (IPPA Photo)**

The debate touches nerves buried in the recesses of the national body and the hurt is obvious. There are those like the author Shabtai Teveth, whose books on Moshe Dayan and the Six Day War have been international best sellers, who feel they must be exposed if Israel is not to fall prey to a sickness which will reduce her to a diseased state of self deception. Teveth, once a pronounced right-winger, whose patriotism is nowhere in doubt, questions whether orders which the army applies to situations in an all-out war should be the same orders which are applied in the complicated no-peace situation of today, a situation which requires complex decisions of a sophisticated political nature which he doubts that officers of the Israeli defence forces are likely or able to take.

At a time when Israel's purpose should be to placate the Arabs and not give them cause to extend the conflict, when actions leading to peace and not decisions likely to escalate hatred are called for, he urges that military orders be subordinated to wider consideration--"for example that it is forbidden to shoot down a civilian aircraft without permission of the civilian authorities."

The independent and prestigious newspaper **Haaretz** took another but related line editorially: "It is true that some quarters have exploited the tragedy to vent their spleen on Israel but that does not mean we may disregard the sharp criticism directed against us nor dismiss it self-righteously as merely an expression of anti-Semitism."

## *Singing at spy trial*

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defendant, Dan Vered, were given a copy of Howard Fast's **Freedom Road**. The first letters of every noun from page 176 onwards were to serve as their code. They were instructed to pick up secret orders from a Sunday night request program on Damascus radio. Even though Adiv went especially to Athens for expert coaching, the pair never managed to decipher any of the messages.

It was stated in court that on one of his return flights from Greece, Adiv helped a girl who was having trouble at the duty-free shop. He asked her to do him a favor and smuggle a pair of trousers into Israel. In one of the pockets was $1,000 for the spy ring. When he got through customs the girl had vanished but he later traced her to Tel Aviv and recovered the money.

Adiv was alleged to have propounded his political philosophy in his statements, linking Israel's Zionist state with American capitalism, and characterizing the 1917 Balfour Declaration as recognition by Britain of the creation of a Jewish subsidiary for western capitalism in the Middle East which was far from solving the Jewish problem. The alleged statement also spoke of the deprivation of the Arab masses of their lands by Jews.

## *Why restitution?*

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to forgive and forget--he answers that it is a moral duty to bring these people to the courts and to world attention.

"The trial is more important than the sentence. It serves as a lesson to young neo-Nazis and it also makes young Jews aware of the recent past," he stated. "What happened before the war can be repeated. We must know who the murderers of tomorrow are."

Dr. Wiesenthal said the concept of forgiveness is different for Jews than for Christians. "I can forgive for myself but not for all the others."

At 64, the man whom Prime Minister Golda Meir once referred to as "the last of the resisters," says he will continue with his dangerous work for as long as his health holds out.

"Our existence gives these people (Nazis) sleepless nights. Not many sleep longer than three months in the same bed. I am a bad conscience for them as well as for some Jews who want to forget. To stay alive has its price."

## *Tighten security against terror*

JERUSALEM (JCNS)–

Every possible precaution is being taken by Israel to ensure that her aircraft, ships and other likely targets are secure against a revenge attack either by Libya or Arab terrorist organizations.

The intensive security measures at Lod Airport have been tightened still further. Passengers on the aircraft taking Golda Meir to Washington had to report three hours before take-off and were very carefully screened.

Meanwhile, Israel hopes the world press will now relax its campaign of denunciation. This, it is being stressed here, has not been paralleled by governments, which have shown more awareness of the need to prevent further incidents like the Libyan airliner crash than to condemn Israel.

An intensive effort is under way to underpin the image of the Israel defence forces and repudiate criticism that they acted irresponsibly or that orders were given without due regard to the circumstances.

A resolution adopted after a two-hour Knesset debate expressed deep sorrow at the loss of life in the Libyan airliner disaster. It continued: "The Knesset asserts that the Israeli defence forces acted with genuine concern for the security of the state and the welfare of its inhabitants, and vigorously rejects any attempts to impute to Israel and its army any spurious blame for the aircraft catastrophe."

Moshe Dayan, who introduced and wound up the debate, accepted that the airliner had been forced down "on the basis of an assumption which was later proved to be erroneous."

However, he continued to stress that there was a genuine cause for Israeli suspicions and that Israel was entitled to the world's understanding, not forgiveness nor respect.

He pointed out that the Arabs used civilian aircraft for terrorist purposes. Suicide squads were prepared to act against Israel without warning. The Arab states gave assistance, passports and diplomatic facilities to Arab terrorists. Why, then, asked Dayan should it be assumed that because the aircraft was a civilian one, this was in itself a guarantee that it was not serving terrorist purposes?

The defence minister said that the nation should show full confidence in the integrity, capability and power of judgment of Israel's commanders. "I am sure that any country in the world would be happy to have a corps of officers of this kind in charge of its security," he said.

# Sentence killer to life in prison

DUSSELDORF (JCNS)–

Otto Tuchel, 55, a former Nazi police officer, was sentenced in Hamburg last week to life imprisonment for murdering three Jews and for complicity in the mass murder of Jews in Riga in 1941.

The jury said Tuchel was a fanatical Jew-hater who welcomed his chance to kill.

Friedrich Jahnke, 77, a former captain, was sentenced to three years imprisonment on the complicity charge. Max Naumann, 61, and Emil Dietrich, 58, were also convicted on the complicity charge, but they were released without punishment because the jury decided that their guilt was "minimal."

At least 26,000 Jews died when the Riga Ghetto was liquidated by the Nazis at the end of 1941.

The West German Supreme Court in Karlsruhe rejected last week the appeal of former SS Lieutenant-Colonel Hermann Krumey, 67, Eichmann's deputy to Budapest. Krumey was sentenced in Frankfurt in 1969 to life imprisonment for his part in the deportation to Auschwitz and murder of more than 300,000 Hungarian Jews in 1944.


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Rev. Richard D. Jones, president of Canadian Council of Christians and Jews get together with Oscar Goldstein, B'nai B'rith director of activities, at the annual Covenant Breakfast of the Toronto Men's Regional Council. (CJN Photo by Gadi Hoz)

# 'Relations with the Christian community will undergo a severe period of trial'

*This is a partial text of Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut's lecture delivered at Holy Blossom Temple last week.*

The opposition to Vietnam was carried both here in Canada and elsewhere as well as inside the United States by millions of people who had a genuine concern for the Vietnamese and for peace, but their activities were to a significant degree inspired, encouraged and organized on a world-wide basis by professionals whose interest in Vietnam was incidental, because their major concern was to diminish the power and inner strength of the United States. In the course of this effort they came to donimate a formidable army of political moralists who suddenly find themselves out of employment. They have no real target, but they need to continue their marching momentum. How can they be harnessed to the continuing proposition that the United States with its imperialism and economic expansionism is the greatest single danger to world peace? One cannot rally the world in general terms against U.S. imperialism. This imperialism must be concretized, it must be a specific policy or a specific land and on which one can concentrate. It is my belief that unless something entirely new happens, the professionals will have the same measure of interest in the liberation of Arabs as they had in the liberation of Vietnamese. Their target remains the United States.

It is about this which I come to warn you: I want you to be prepared to recognize this old-new alliance when it raises its head. It may come now in the wake of the Sinai tragedy, or it may come later under a different cover and under a different pretext.

If indeed the development will be along these lines, (a political attack) then all of us must be fully aware of the possibilities. It is better to be mentally prepared than to be surprised and then react with anxiety or even worse. The first objective then is to be aware that under the guise of humanitarian impulses the same forces of the Old and New Left which combined so successfully in the Vietnam enterprise may be marshalled against Israel. Most likely the first focus of the anti-Israel campaign will be on the campuses, even as the Vietnamese campaign got its most vocal airings there. A special appeal will be made to liberals. Probably a number of liberals in the Jewish community--especially among the youth--will become very uncertain and some may be disaffected publicly as was already demonstrated this week on television.

It will make a strong appeal to the liberal churches--and these inroads may be very significant already. The Unitarian Church in Toronto has given a platform to no less a Jew-baiter than John Nicholls Booth. A recent observer at the meeting of the General Council of the Canadian Council of Churches was appalled at the depth of feeling expressed by the assemblage with regard to Israel as well as Jews.

And, at a recent national convention of the National Council of Churches, which includes most of the mainline Protestant churches in the United States, a prominent speaker was none other than LeRoi Jones, who now goes under the name of Imamu Amiri Baraka. He delivered himself of vituperative attacks on Israel and its Jewish function in the world--an attack that went largely unopposed from the assemblage of the Protestant churches.

And last but not least it is possible that all this will engender a significant vocalization of latent anti-Semitic feelings, that is to say, certain things will be said about our people which during the last generation have been kept largely out of the hearing of the public.

And here I come to what is in many ways the most sensitive part of my address. It is my opinion that our relationship to the Christian community will undergo a severe period of trial. The treasury of sentiment which we had stored up as a consequence of the Holocaust is largely exhausted.

The feelings of guilt which informed Christian dealings with Jews and Israel during the last generation have diminished to the point of disappearance. A new generation does not want to know of Auschwitz or the silence of the Christian churches. They want a new deal--and this is the sad point--the new deal will be largely the old deal.

With Israel as a convenient target, the gloves may come off and we will come under severe pressure as "Zionists"--as if Zionism, grounded in our bible, were an evil thing. This will mean overt anti-Semitism in some cases; conversionist efforts in others; or it may mean complete disregard of Jewish sentiments in still others. Old shibboleths will be trotted out; and the Russian ploy of likening Jews to Nazis will find ready imitators here. I say "Beware" to those of my Christian friends who want to do the right thing. They will need support and encouragement from all men and women of good will, including us. We in turn could make no greater mistake than to paint everyone with the same brush; we must be careful to sort out friend from foe. And, in addition, if everyone forgets the Holocaust, we ourselves must not.

# Jews today are facing 'respectable anti-Semitism'

By GARY WEISS

TORONTO-

Veteran Jewish activist Oscar Goldstein warned of the danger of Jews losing their cultural identity in a "world of respectable anti-Semitism."

Speaking to the 18th Annual Covenant Breakfast of Toronto Men's Regional Council of B'nai B'rith, Goldstein, BB District #1 director of activities, reminded the audience of 1948, "when hatred was accepted and anti-Semitism was part of the normal attitude of the world. Then, suddenly, the state of Israel was established--and, outnumbered 100 to one, fought off Arab armies for two years.

"Following the victory something happened. There sprung up a vital Semitism, not just among Jews but among others. It was "in" to be a Jew. Books about Jews had a 50 per cent chance of becoming successes. If the book was also written by a Jew, then the possibility of success increased to 75 per cent. More than 600 Yiddish words entered the English language.

"But in 1967, following Israel's Six Day War for survival, the world turned topsy-turvy again. Suddenly, it was no longer in to be a Jew. Instead, anti-Semitism was in, the respectable anti-Semitism of the United Nations."

Goldstein then discussed the role of B'nai B'rith today.

"First, we're not dependent on what the rest of the world thinks of us. We know the Christian world thinks there is a Jewish problem, a problem solved by eliminating Jews through assimilation or destruction.

"Our job in B'nai B'rith is to see that we don't go away, that we continue to be Jews, that our people remain a people. And to do this, we must recognize that there is not future without a past. Yet open the textbooks in our schools today and if there is one page on the Holocaust, that's unusual. But how do you put on one page the killing of 12 million people, half of them Jews who were put to death, to flames, to gas, to lime pits?"

B'nai B'rith's job, said Goldstein, is to see that the past is not forgotten "lest," as the philosopher Santayana warned, "we are to condemn ourselves to repeating it."

But anti-Semitism should not be the sole concern, warned Goldstein.

The job of B'nai B'rith is also to see that we don't become WASJ--White Anglo Saxon Jews, he said, "but that we maintain our Jewish identity, our Jewish spirit, the ability to cry, to become indignant, to be hurt."

Other speakers at the breakfast included former Canadian Zionist Federation President Phil Givens, MP Barney Danson, North York Mayor Mel Lastman and Rev. Richard D. Jones, president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

# All Jews must work for common causes, Congress leader says

TORONTO-

If there is to be a central organization for the Jewish community, "whether we call it Congress or something else," then Jews of all colorings and persuasions must work for those causes which they have in common, in the opinion of David Satok.

The chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, told a gathering in Clanton Park Synagogue that there were enough causes of this kind "to keep us busy without being concerned about the areas in which we differ."

The CJC officer said that when he reads about the sharp tensions and hostilities that exist in London, England in Jewish education, religion, kashruth, and rabbinical status, he feels the Jewish community in Toronto is quite well off.

"At least everyone talks to each other and are seated together at most, though not all, community conclaves and session," he said. "On the other hand, from time to time, incidents erupt that make some of us fervently hope for more co-operation and more evidence of willingness to work together."

The Central Region chairman welcomed the synagogue's new spiritual leader, Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner, to Toronto.

Ontario

**The Task Force on Workmen's Compensation Board, Ontario**

The Task Force appointed by the Government of the Province of Ontario to study and report on the administrative practices of the Workmen s Compensation Board is seeking the views of the public as they relate to its terms of reference.

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- The role of the Workmen s advisers
- Retirement benefits and attendance credits for employees and Board members

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## A double standard

# *Arab-inspired resolution should not have received ICAO approval*

We would have thought the International Civil Aviation Organization, (ICAO), was a body not given to being stampeded into ill-considered decisions, but what occurred in New York last week did nothing to enhance the reputation of this influential group.

The ICAO Assembly held an emergency debate on the shooting down of the Libyan jetliner over Sinai and adopted a resolution which both condemned Israel's action and at the same time demanded an investigation of the tragedy which took 106 lives. This resolution, needless to point out, was an Arab-sponsored one and we regret to say Canada joined the majority in voting for what was a politically-motivated resolution that had little regard for the facts.

What the ICAO did was introduce a double standard by condemning Israel which is in effect pronouncing judgment, and then demanding an investigation to find out what really happened. This sort of resolution lacks logic, common sense and any element of fairness. It shows all too clearly the handiwork of the Arab members who were interested in only one outcome: the erosion of Israel's reputation in the eyes of the world. This was to be expected, but for the ICAO Assembly to go along with this piece of shabby politicking, is something else again. We would have thought the members would have realized what the motivation was for this resolution, and emphatically rejected it in favor of a more temperate course.

The resolution paid no heed to the fact that the downing of the Libyan jetliner occured in a war zone. Nor did it refer to the continuing tension in this part of the world, a tension that could burst into a major conflict instead of the sporadic shootings that now occur. The fact that the pilot of the aircraft paid no attention to the repeated requests to land radioed by the Israeli pilots, sat lightly with the ICAO members Surely the failure of the pilot, for whatever reason, to make the safety of his passengers the first consideration, should have made an impression on the international aviation body.

We do not recall the ICAO reacting in this fashion when an Ethiopian civil aircraft was shot down by the Egyptians with loss of life, or when the Libyans forced down a British civil passenger aircraft, both in recent months.

The loss of innocent lives is to be deplored, and nowhere is this tragedy more keenly felt than among Jews who have a long history of violent deaths for innocent victims. The ICAO resolution contributed nothing positive or constructive towards easing tension in the Middle East.

# *Perhaps 25th anniversary year will see peace in Middle East*

Israel is ready to make a separate peace with any Arab state, and at this point in time the only Arab state at all likely to come to the bargaining table is Jordan. Is King Hussein willing to take the big gamble that he will be able to survive the wrath of Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Libya? There is little doubt that the hard-pressed monarch wants an accommodation with Israel, but only if he is able to get some guarantees that will allow him to save face.

One of the most knowledgeable men in the Middle East is Gen. Chaim Herzog, former chief of intelligence for Israel's Defence Force. He recently expressed the opinion that King Hussein would be the first Arab leader to make peace with Israel. It is certainly most likely that President Nixon told the king on the occasion of the latter's Washington visit that a political settlement should be Jordan's objective and not a military adventure.

What Hussein also was told can only be conjectured, but there is every reason to believe President Nixon advised him that Israel would never consent to a divided Jerusalem, a return to the 1968 borders or yielding the Gaza Strip. It is probably, too, that Hussein was informed that it is not part of U.S. policy to weaken Israel's position by withholding military supplies.

Hussein came away from his Washington visit with promise of economic and military aid and with the feeling that the time has arrived to put out feelers for a negotiated peace with Israel. His subsequent statements on the Mideast were mild in tone, leading observers to the belief that the Nixon brand of persuasion had made an impression.

Optimism is not a common commodity in Israel, yet despite all that has occurred in recent months—including the tragic loss of life in the Libyan airliner disaster—there is a belief on the part of the Israelis that some how the genuine peace denied them in all their 25 years of statehood, is not far off.

Whether it be through Jordan taking unilateral action, or as a result of some other development, the feeling in Israel is one of restrained optimism. Militarily, Israel is ready to meet any display of force by Egypt and her allies, but this does not bring peace. There must be a political settlement based not only on justice to all but on the realities of Israel's need for secure borders.

Israel is prepared to return a substantial part of the conquered Arab lands in return for peace. She has taken the utmost care to see that the rights of the religious communities are fully protected, something that was not the case as far as the Jews were concerned during the years of Jordanian rule. But even here, Israel stands ready to accord additional rights within the context of Israeli sovereignty.

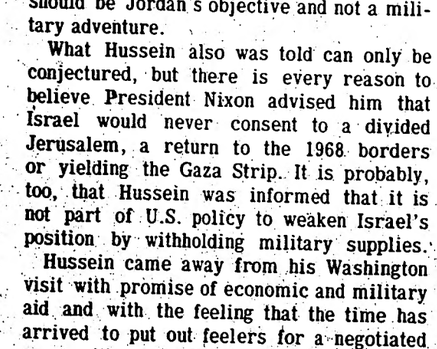
Gen. Herzog is right when he says Israel's negotiations with Egypt would necessarily be different from those with Jordan because there is no population to speak of in the Sinai Peninsula. The question with Egypt is recognition of Israel's right to live and let live. The Sinai must be demilitarized, the Suez Canal opened to Israeli shipping, as well as free access given to the Straits of Teran.

Co-existence with the Arab world is not a fanciful dream. It is a bright reality today with 1,250,000 Arabs from Gaza and the West Bank living in peace with their Israeli neighbors. The economic and social benefits accruing to these Arabs as a result of coming under the Israeli system of government, are most significant.

The raising of the standards of living, the heightened opportunities for education, hospital treatment, housing and jobs, have opened the eyes of the thousands of Arab visitors who come to see their relatives and friends in the occupied territories.

Prime Minister Golda Meir was in Washington last week to see President Nixon. She came away seemingly satisfied that the United States is still a steadfast friend. Her request for military and economic aid has been granted, as was anticipated. What Mrs. Meir had to tell the president broke no new ground. Israel is ready to make sacrifices to achieve a genuine, lasting peace with her neighbors, but those sacrifices cannot be at the expense of her security.

It is time the world realized that the old borders left Israel in a military straitjacket, unable to defend herself and with her populous centres at the mercy of an aerial attack only minutes away. If there is to be a meaningful peace, one that will usher in a bright new day for all the lands of the Middle East, then it must be a peace that recognizes Israel's right to live securely within her borders. Anything less would set the stage for another conflagration in which there is no victor but only vanquished.



Chaim Herzog

Brothers, in matching jeans, skull-caps and talisim, pray at Western Wall.

# Price controls are lifted; discontent sweeps public

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Tel Aviv Correspondent
TEL AVIV–

Prices in this country soared from between 10 and 20 per cent as the Israeli government lifted price controls at the beginning of January and a strong wave of discontent swept through the already hard-pressed-public.

The resentment physically manifested itself in a new rash of strikes and threats of more to come. The ministry of commerce published a list of basic goods which still had some form of control over their prices.

Living costs in Israel are now at their highest and show no signs of leveling off, let alone dropping. The average yearly cost of living increase is only 12 per cent according to official finance ministry sources but some economic reporters put the actual rise in 1972 at near 25 per cent. Wages in the same period rose about seven per cent.

Yet despite the strikes; complaints of rising costs and the like, the outward signs along the main streets and boulevards in Israel are of extreme affluence.

Cars are among the items carrying the highest taxes. A family car which retails for $2,000 in the U.S. or Europe costs near $6,000 here. Yet the streets are becoming more crowded daily.

New and expensive restaurants and boutiques are springing up all over Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and in many of the suburbs. Boutique trousers retail at about $25 a pair, dresses $35 and upwards. A reasonable meal for two at most restaurants will cost a minimum of $15.

By North American standards these prices are not as astronomical as they seem to Israelis who have to live on a local budget.

A bank clerk may make about $225 a month. When the various taxes (income, defence, absorption) are taken off he may be left with as little as $143. He may get a car allowance or his telephone bills paid but this doesn't help his wife when she has to pay $2 a pound for a decent meat. Fillet steak costs 30 per cent more.

To buy a home is out of the question for most Israelis unless they both work and hold extra jobs as, well, not declaring the extra income.

All this is the extraordinary price one must pay when living in a state where over 40 per cent of the money collected in taxes goes for defence. Israeli Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir reported recently that this country of three million persons has purchased $2 billion worth of arms and military equipment over the past two years. Add to this the enormous amount of money spent on other military needs and absorption of immigrants. Then perhaps one can see where the money vanishes.

The only way most people manage is by living a credit-based hand to mouth existence. And more taxes are on the way. Soon there may be an overall sales tax, officially to replace many taxes presently levied, but it may end up being just another tax.

Some observers feel that a respite must come even at the expense of the high standard of living. A recession and devaluation after the elections later this year are the most widely-predicted happenings in the financial world. Prices would drop certainly, because there would be unemployment and the small amount of money currently in circulation would be sought after all the more.

And so the Jewish state somehow moves forward.

# *Rotenberg: 'A humane, self sacrificing individual who put good of others first'*

By HORACE BROWN

There is nothing deader than yesterday's politician. A man defeated at the polls just ceases to exist.

I do not say this on behalf of myself. My years and work have given me a certain cynical philosophy hinged on the belief that the world operates best on a "what have you done for me lately" approach.

No, I am thinking of a man who served his city for the same 12 years I was on City Council, and who served it more than passing well, only to fall before the onslaught of a desire for a change that was really not a change but a return to Square One of a city that has still to shake off the last of its mid-Victorian shackles. I am thinking of David Rotenberg.

There are things in David Rotenberg that cried out through the years for self-correction—his lack of confidence in himself, his constant tinkering with a project that was already won, until it became lost; his thin glare that seemed to come out of an unfeeling countenance. None of these things were truly David.

In my estimation, and better still in the estimation of civic officials who deal with them all, David Rotenberg was the best administrator Toronto has seen since Leslie Saunders (no, not Robert—Leslie), a former mayor who could handle everything except his inability to see beyond his prejudices. Dave had a quick grasp of essentials, a neat trick of getting to the heart of the matter with speed and laying bare an artery to that heart into which the blood of his logic could be pumped.

I met David Rotenberg in 1960, when I was into my first civic campaign. It was David's third and he was still just the sunny side of 30. His other two battles had been with sitting aldermen; now, these two were fighting for seats on the Board of Control and the aldermanic field, with 11 candidates, was wide open.

"We figure you're the one to beat," said David, with his usual lack of preliminaries.

The figuring was right. We were both elected in Ward 4, Dave on top.

"There's one thing I'd like to make an agreement on, Dave," I said, as we shook hands in mutual victory at the old City Hall. "In the wards, we'll work together, get a compromise somehow. On other matters, we can agree or disagree, when that is necessary."

"Done!" said David.

And it was. For three elections—six years—we were fellow-aldermen. In all that time, we disagreed on only one ward matter. Dave won at the City; I won at the Ontario Municipal Board. I'm not so sure, now, that he wasn't right.

In six years of working closely with a man, you get to know him pretty well. During an election, although we never once had a "dirty" campaign, I would trust Dave about as far as I could throw him. He knew every trick in the book, a complete pro. But when the fight was over, Dave and I were a team, working for the good of our city and our constituents.

They'll tell you David Rotenberg is a cold man, made of ice, with the heart and skills of a Mississippi riverboat gambler. Well, maybe I'm blinded by 12 years of working together, but I believe Dave Rotenberg to be a humane and self-sacrificing individual, who put the good of others above his own. Call me naive, if you want, but, for all his well-hidden insecurity, Dave is to me a sincere and honest man who hung himself on an outward image and an inability to live down this unsureness of his destiny. We've had some beautiful fights, he and I, both public and private, but we always came back to working together, and that tells me a lot about any man.

Cold? Unfeeling? Well, that last day of City Council in 1972, the valedictory, when, as Dave had said to me earlier "we came in together and we're going out together," I sat there not thinking much really but recalling, among other things, how I had chaired the first meeting of the Committee of the Whole in the new council chamber. Through this came the voice of David Rotenberg, introducing the report for the Committee of the Whole to consider.

"Alderman Piccininni to the chair," said City Clerk Gordon Batchelor.

"No," said Alderman Rotenberg. "I move Alderman Brown take the chair, as the senior retiring alderman here."

And so it was. A small thing, but a kind thing, the sort of gesture no man of ice could make, the culmination of 12 years of much more than could be mentioned about a man who hid himself from view when he was most public.

David, I have always felt your steel needed to be tempered in the fires of defeat. Don't sheath your sword in the public weal. But learn how to cover it with velvet.

I, for one, am proud to have served with you.

*Horace Brown is a former Toronto alderman who was defeated in the last civic election.*

## ask the rabbi

# *Differences in Talmuds explained*

1. What are the Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmuds?

RESPONSE:

*Rabbi Judah the Prince gathered together in the Mishna the main teachings of his predecessors. The Mishna, together with other works of the Tanaim ("teachers"), the authorities of the first two centuries of the present era, was widely discussed and expounded by the Amoraim ("interpreters"), the post-Mishnaic teachers in the great schools of Palestine (e.g. Caesarea, Tiberias and Lydda) and Babylon (e.g. Sura and Pumbedita). Eventually the teachings of the Palestinian Amoraim were gathered together to form the Palestinian Talmud (sometimes called the Jerusalem Talmud, though there was no school in Jerusalem during the Talmudic period), and those of the Babylonian Amoraim to form the Babylonian Talmud. Since, however, there was a constant flow of scholars from one land to the other the Palestinian Talmud contains, too, the opinions of Babylonian teachers and vice versa. The language in both Talmuds, unlike the Mishna which is in Hebrew, is Aramaic, the Palestinian in the Western dialect, the Babylonian in the Eastern dialect. There are thus two Talmuds, though the Babylonian came to enjoy greater authority, largely because the Gaonim, the post-Amoraic leaders, flourished at Sura and Pumbedita long after the decline of the Palestinian schools and looked upon the Babylonian Talmud as "our Talmud."*

## Letter

# *Blame Qaddafi for disaster*

Dear Editor:

Responsibility for the downing of a Libyan airliner in the Sinai Desert lies squarely and directly on the shoulders of Col. Muammar Qaddafi, leader of the Libyan government. By his constant acts of war, Col. Qaddafi has created an atmosphere of suspicion and distrust in the Middle East. Col. Qaddafi and his government have openly and unashamedly supported financially the Black September Organization, a group of murderous terrorists, and have publicly lauded their heinous deeds.

It is Col. Muammar Qaddafi and his government who must bear the burden of guilt for the deaths which resulted from his acts, and it is he and his government who must pay compensation for the victims, and it is he and his government who must beg forgiveness from his people, the Libyans, for having led them into the position of being fanatic war mongers.

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# J.B.'s uncle in the doghouse for his attack on shnorers

By J.B. SALSBERG

And it came to pass, alas, that my friendly and well-intentioned uncle Eliezer is also in trouble. Poor uncle Eliezer.

J.B.

When I say "also in trouble" I mean that I, his nephew, have been in his present position many times in my life. But it is a first for him and he lacks the immunity which only long years of practice produce.

Will he benefit from his present shock and proceed to draw swords again and again or will he withdraw from the battlefield a subdued man? This is now the crucial question and we shall see what we shall see....

Only a short month ago, uncle Eliezer went through his initiation as a public critic of his fellow men and now he wonders whether it wasn't all a mistake. He had a fleeting moment of satisfaction when he saw his scathing denounciations of the wrong-doers in print. But the elation was quickly replaced by chilling surprises and shocks. He now asks himself whether it was worth it.

It all started four weeks ago when I wrote my caustic column against those in our community who fail in their moral obligations to support UJA in accordance with their financial abilities to give. As a matter of fact I have been publicly critical of such moral miscreants on more than one occasion in the past. But this time the column was unusually sharp and completely devoid of compassion--very much unlike my usual self. The truth is that the angry and untypical column was written in response to uncle Eliezer's pressure "not to be afraid" and to "expose the hypocrites and the slackers" in public.

I have long ago concluded that an eternal conflict goes on in the heart of every human being. Part of him longs to be kind, considerate, understanding, compassionate and forgiving. The other part springs to the fore with amazing suddenness commanding harshness, inflexibility and merciless treatment of the wayward and the wrongdoers. It is now clear that when my uncle visited me a month ago he allowed the unkind part of him to gain the upper-hand. It is also evident that I surrendered to uncle Eliezer's insistence to lash out against the sinners.

It was uncle Eliezer who thundered against the "affluent shnorers," "rip-off artists," and "smarkatches" who either give nothing; who give too little; who make pledges but fail to honor them, and, when pursued, offer "settlements" like bankrupts. It was understood that I would credit him with those epithets. But my innocent uncle forgot to take into account the consequences of his righteous outspokenness.

According to what he told me he encountered a lot of flak since that column appeared. At the Baygel, where he expected congratulations for his daring action, he found a lot of people turn their eyes away when he entered. At the weekend session in the steam-bath he was joshed by some of his old buddies and after the drinks were consumed, someone even asked him since when he was counting other people's money to decide how much one should give. One uncouth fellow, with more drink than was good for him, even asked uncle Eliezer how much the UJA was paying him for pointing a finger at his friends and acquaintances. "I was terribly shaken by all that," said my uncle.

His worst experience seems to have been at the monthly meeting of his society. The president passed him by without as much as a hello and avoided him throughout the meeting...

I tried to console my uncle but with very little success. I advised him not to be affected by such reactions and indicated that I have been exposed to worse ones, all my adult life. "You're different, you are used to it," is all I could get out of him. I repeated the old truism that if you want to go to war you must be prepared to smell gunpowder. But uncle Eliezer, unmistakably shaken by his experience, remained silent and troubled.

"Well, uncle Eliezer," I said to him after long minutes of silence, "what your experience shows is that there are more shnorers, more psychologically crippled individuals who suffer from their pre-affluent insecurity and more rip-off smarkatches than you suspected." He nodded his head sadly in agreement. But he was not yet prepared to agree with my proposal that he continue the good fight that he began. "You do it," he said. "You do it." I assured him that I would and I detected the first smile on his lips since he entered my apartment.

*Clemency would have been out of place*

# Eichmann deserved his fate

By JACOB EGIT

A painful question has emerged in the wake of the current debate over the retention or abolition of capital punishment. In the light of the Talmudic tradition which abhors the death penalty and in view of the Israeli legal system which has virtually abolished it, how do we regard the action of the Israeli court which sentenced and condemned to death the Nazi murderer Adolf Eichmann?

There are those among us today who insist that Israel was not consistent and not rational in executing Eichmann. Rabbi Reuben Slonim declares in his recent book, **Both Sides Now**, that "Israel should have let Eichmann live, have tried to find out the reasons that drive a man to violence... Her concern for the sanctity of human life, in the face of the horrible and haunting violence associated with Eichmann, would have ennobled the memory of the six million." By letting Eichmann live, Rabbi Slonim states, "Israel would have placed constructive, rational action ahead of destructive, self-defeating emotionalism in the human march toward non-violence."

Is it not painful to be asking this question today-30 years after the last vestige of Jewish resistance was crushed by the Nazi war machine in the Warsaw Ghetto? Should we have allowed the Nazi to live-the Nazi who was responsible for the death of hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women and children because they were Jews? This question will never be satisfactorily anwered until we grasp the full meaning of the crime for which Eichmann was put to death. He was not condemned only as a murderer, but as the representative of the Nazi empire which attempted, for the first time in history, the systematic extermination of an entire people. (Webster's **New World Dictionary** 1957 Edition states: the term genocide was "first applied to the attempted extermination of the Jews by Nazi Germany.")

It was a trial where neither the defendant nor the prosecutors were the prime actors in the drama. The real protagonists were the Nazi German state and ideology on the bench of the accused-and the millions of Jewish dead, the accusers. All the evidence presented by living witnesses, the endless lists of murders and outrages of which Eichmann was guilty were but a pale reflection of the unspeakable, immeasurable evil perpetrated against humanity.

Neither should we overlook the fact that the trial marked a turning point in the history of the Jews in relation to their oppressors. Never during their whole tragic history of oppression, persecution and pogroms, did Jews have recourse to a court of justice. For the first time in 2,000 years a Jewish state had the judicial authority to sit in judgement over an enemy that sought to destroy the Jewish people.

To have decreed less than the death sentence for Eichmann, the agent and perpetrator of Nazi ideology, would have condoned the survival of evil on this earth. It would have defeated the entire purpose of the trial. To have let Eichmann live would have created further confusion in the minds of men over the question of justice and would have been a breach of faith with those who survived the Nazi Holocaust and with our six million dead.

**To let Adolf Eichmann live (shown here during his trial) would have defeated the entire purpose of his trial, writes Jacob Egit. "It would have been a breach of faith with those who survived the Nazi Holocaust and with our six million dead," he writes.**

Can we speak of the "sanctity of human life" in the case of a servant of a system which sought to stamp out all human feeling, all mercy and pity with regard to the Jews? Can we call on the people of the world to "find out the reasons that drive a man to violence" when the world stood silently by for many years while Hitler proclaimed and nearly carried out his plan for exterminating the Jews? When not one country, including Canada, opened its gates to rescue the thousands who might have been saved before the "final solution" was put into effect?

We Jews have a long memory. While the world seeks to forget, we must keep alive the remembrance of the untold horrors, of the overwhelming barbarity-and of our countless brothers and sisters who died. To do otherwise would be to deny our history, to betray our innermost beliefs in the eternal principles of truth, justice and humanity. To keep faith with these principles we must seek justice. To take a stand against capital punishment in the case of proven Nazi criminals, to allow the death penalty to be abolished unequivocally, would be self-destructive and self-defeating to all Jews who have lived through the era of the Nazi Holocaust. Clemency for Adolf Eichmann-the unrepentant, less-than-human homicide, was clearly out of place. No man can remain unsickened by the memory of his bloodied hands. The world is a cleaner place today now that his ashes have been scattered on the sea.

The Nazis were the inventors of modern genocide. To allow the perpetrators of genocide to live is a dangerous precedent for future generations. The death penalty is still the only effective punishment that would imprint forever on the conscience of the world the enormity of their crimes. In his book, Rabbi Slonim refers to the viewpoint of the late Professor Martin Buber, who urged that Eichmann be allowed to live. But we prefer to take the viewpoint of the oustanding religious authority in present-day Jewry, that of Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchick, who fully justifies the trial and its verdict.

There are still thousands in both parts of Germany who, together with Eichmann, took part in the mass murder of the Jews and who have not yet been brought to justice. Many of them have been granted asylum in the scattered lands and await the time when, on some dark night, they may again raise the terrible and ugly head of Nazism. It is for these reasons that the shadow of a hanging Eichmann, like the shadow of the Nuremberg Trials, must forever follow them. They deserve no better than to live in fear of the long arm of historic justice which will one day be meted out to them.

*Jacob Egit is a survivor of the Holocaust.*

# *How shy, retiring prof made the centre stage*

By RICHARD YAFFE
LONDON (JCNS)-

**Some years ago, while Hitler was still in his heyday, so the story goes, Albert Einstein was asked what might happen if his theory of relativity was found to be fallacious. He said that "in that case, the Americans would call me a German and the Germans would call me a Jew."**

**One wonders what would have happened to Henry Kissinger if his efforts to bring about some peace in Indo-China had failed instead of being hailed today as an especially brilliant coup. Would Kissinger, the Jew, the refugee from Hitler's Germany, the pear-shaped, medium-height, curly-haired, professorial figure speaking English with a German accent have been able to remain in the spotlight in America and the world if he had not been able to bring off the cease-fire in the Vietnam war?**

**Henry Kissinger**

The triumph belongs, understandably, to President Nixon. But it was due, in large measure, to what **The New York Times** called the "consistency, cunning and even conceit of Henry A. Kissinger who has believed from the beginning that the war could and would end in a negotiated solution, who has worked without pause to devise the subtleties of that solution and whose towering self-assurance enabled him to push forward when others thought he surely must stumble."

Not only "thought" but hoped he would stumble, for Henry Kissinger is not a man beloved by his fellows in the Nixon Administration, because of his overwhelming self-assurance, which has enabled him to go on beyond the shoals where many people thought he would surely stumble and come to his end.

Kissinger at 49, and only four years after coming into public view, is today one of the best known figures in America and indeed the world, a far cry from the relatively obscure man who entered the Nixon Administration to become the most influential of the president's advisers and the most polished of his spokesmen on foreign policy, as well as the most sought after dinner companion among Washington's glittering society.

Whatever he may have been four years ago-the shy, retiring Harvard profess r-he is a far cry from that now. He is among the best known figures in the world t day. The Jewish boy who had come with his pa ents from Germany in flight from the Holocaust has turned from the ugly duckling of academe into the glittering personality of diplomacy and the jet set whose female companion of the evening becomes the subject of the outer fringes of journalism which dote on such matters.

It is agreed that he has wit, intelligence, industry-and vanity. In his appearance before the massed press on Jan. 24 to explain the Vietnam settlement, he amazed the corps of jounalists by his knowledge-and his evasions-as well as his wit. When asked about the thinking of North Vietnam, he begged off: He had not mastered the thinking of his own country, he said.

Perhaps the best inward look is to be found in the interview he gave to Oriana Fallaci, which he now wishes he had never given. "Some people describe me as a tormented, mysterious person," he told her. "Some people describe me as an almost cheerful type who always smiles, always laughs. Both pictures are incorrect. I am neither. I shall not tell you what I am. I shall tell nobody."

One might go to his son David and daughter Elizabeth, the two lovely children of his broken marriage to Ann Fleisher from whom he was divorced in 1964 to ask them, about their father. To them he is an extremely affectionate and understanding father, while to his associates in the White House bureaucracy he might appear as an imperious taskmaster.

The doves in America who had a picture of Henry Kissinger as the evil angel of the Vietnam war might have been surprised to find him, in private conversation, willing to debate the matter so that he, too, might satisfy his own conscience. But they would never have found him a critic of the president he was serving so conscientiously.

What has been the relationship between him and Nixon? It seems that it has been beyond mere friendship, for that does not appear to have developed between them. Kissinger is not a part of the Nixon inner circle. Their relationship rests more on admiration than on companionship. "Frankly," Nixon said in reply to Kissinger's offer to resign at the end of the president's first term, which is an usual and expected gesture, "I cannot imagine what the government would be like without you. I am grateful for what you have done, and I am grateful that you are staying."

Much has been written about Kissinger's early days-his arrival in America as a youngster with his parents, refugees from the Hitler terror. His parents still live in New York city, a plain Jewish couple devoted to their religion and their son, who is equally devoted to them. It is not possible to imagine that he would ever repudiate either them or his faith.

It is equally hard to imagine Nixon's success in foreign policy without him-without his bold ideas and imaginative policies. Nixon's daring bid to the People's Republic of China and his dramatic voyage there, preceded by Kissinger's secret trip to Peking, as well as the dramatic visit to Moscow will be chalked up by history as the doing of Henry Kissinger.

The successful initiative in Indo-China was also his, and while he attempts to direct the kudos to his chief, Nixon, he is the one who is entitled to them.

In show business, especially vaudeville, the question asked of new entertainers owing their acts, is "what do you have for an encore?"

It is difficult to know whether Henry Kissinger can come up with an encore to his brilliant performance on Vietnam. His is an act which he himself will find hard to follow. But he will try. The world can be assured that he will try, and that a great deal more will be heard from him.

# Egg rolls racing blintzes for new Israeli appetites

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

My orders were clear. My wife had heard about a new Jerusalem takeout food shop specializing in Chinese delicacies, and so when I went to the Holy City this w on a business trip, I was asked to return ome with a dozen Chinese egg rolls, which neither of us had eaten since our last trip abroad.

After a brief search, I found not one shop with Chinese food, but two, both of them run by young Orthodox Jews from the Eastern United States. I bought egg rolls from the first and chow mein from the second. Both proprietors apologized that other Chinese items, usually in stock, were not available. It was Thursday, and the shops were overflowing with traditional Jewish foods for the Sabbath: gefilte fish, potato knishes, chopped liver, etc. Were I to come earlier in the week, the bearded owners assured me, I would be able to buy a full range of Chinese food or, if I preferred, excellent Southern Fried Chicken.

Growing Israeli prosperity, as well as increasing tourism, have brought I enormous number of restaurants in hitherto unobtainable national fo Rice Davies, who once shared th with Christine Keeler, opened first Chinese restaurant. Other, l figures, have given Israelis and the chance to sample cuisines from st any country you can think of-from India and Mexico to France and Bulgaria. Italian restaurants are particularly in fashion this year, with a half-dozen opening recently in Tel Aviv alone. The most popular, inspired no doubt by **The Godfather**, is called El Mafioso.

Of course, the average Israeli hasn't the money to eat at restaurants serving exotic dishes and, increasingly, hasn't the time to prepare fancy home-cooked ones. With more and more Israeli women going out to work, convenience foods are playing an ever greater role in menu planning. There are still, perhaps, occasional guilt feelings. But with time at a premium, the local Yiddishe Mama now tends to buy frozen cheese blintzes at the supermarket rather than make her own.

The army has gone farthest in the centralized preparation of meals, which have only to be heated in central field kitchens or isolated outposts. Now the kibbutzim, and even the hotels, are planning to follow suit.

In kibbutzim, women-and men for that matter-don't want to work in the kitchen. So there is a growing trend towards the preparation of food on a large scale at central processing plants and kitchens. Hotels, plagued by a chronic shortage of staff, will probably do the same, with perhaps a dozen establishments to be served by the same kitchen.

The ultimate in efficiency, however, is yet to come. When real specialization arrives, Tel Aviv hotels will serve egg rolls prepared in China while Peking hotels will offer gefilte fish cooked in Israel.

# Organizations and People

## what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

The Zionist Organization of Canada launched a Canadian youth centre project in Jerusalem last month. The $650,000 centre, which will accommodate over 100 youth, will form the permanent site of the ZOC-Young Judea Camp Bilium in Israel. It will be available for use by the summer of 1974. Among those participating in the cornerstone ceremony are, left to right: Philip Givens, Canadian Zionist Federation president; Daniel Monson, ZOC president; Dr. George Liban, ZOC executive vice-president; Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem; and, Arieh L. Dulzin, the treasurer of the Jewish Agency.

FESTIVAL OF CRAFTS

Potters, jewelry designers, and toymakers, to list a few, will be among the many Ontario professional crafts people converging on Casa Loma this week to display and demonstrate their work at Toronto ORT's festival of crafts, **Hand Made in Ontario**. The show opens officially Saturday, March 10, and will have public admission Sunday and Monday, March 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

GALA CONCERT

To celebrate Jewish Music Month and Israel's 25th anniversary, Adath Israel Synagogue is presenting a gala concert on Saturday, March 10, at 8:30 p.m. Stars of the evening are Israeli singer Yacov Dan, American-Jewish humorist Emil Cohen, the singing group The Voices Four, and The Nirkoda Dance Group under the direction of Teme Kernerman.

LIP GRANT

Hamilton Jewish Community Centre director Sam Brownstone tells us the centre recently received a Local Initiatives Program grant of over $15,000. The grant will be used for improvements for the centre's summer camp site and to employ a physical education worker, a nursery school assistant and two 'historical' workers. Ruth Slater and Beatrice Starkman will visit senior citizens to record, in Yiddish, their reminiscences of life in their native countries and here in Canada.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood is having a Discussion-in-the-Round with their associate rabbi, Stephen Franklin, and former associate rabbi, Michael Stroh, who is now spiritual leader of Temple Har Zion. It takes place on Tuesday, March 13, at 8:15 p.m. Up for discussion--**Intermarriage, Why Children Want to Leave Religious School, Hebrew Christians**, and **The Apathy of The Young Marrieds**.

RETIRED OR SEMI-RETIRED?

The YMHA has two new projects funded under the federal government's New Horizons program to develop activities for older people 55 years and up--the theatre group which needs experienced people in all theatrical areas; and the chamber orchestra which is looking for senior citizens and retired musicians. All rehearsals take place at the northern building on Bathurst St. If you are interested contact Hazel Goldenberg at the 'Y'.

DINNER DANCE

Morocco-born Israeli tenor Jo Amar, noted singer-composer of Sephardic music, will be appearing at the Purim dinner dance planned by Magen David Congregation for Saturday, March 17, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. The congregation represents some 250 Sephardic families from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Israel and Egypt.

LET MY PEOPLE GO

On Sunday, March 11, Beth Sholom Synagogue's Hoveh (Now) Community--that is, the young marrieds--are showing the film **Let My People Go**, the dramatic story of the birth of Israel. It begins at 8 p.m. and is open to the community.

ISRAELI FILM

Voted the best Israeli film of 1972, **I Love You Rosa** has been nominated as one of five foreign films for an Oscar this year. It had its American premiere in New York early this year.

GEFILTE FISH EN FRANCAIS

If you are ever in a French restaurant and get a yearning for some good old-fashioned gefilte fish, all you have to do is order "quenelles de brochette"--that is, if they have them on the menu.

## . . . about people

Canadian artist **Gershon Iskowitz**'s oil painting **Summer in Green** was awarded first prize of $300 in this year's Aviva Chapter of Hadassah's exhibition and sale of contemporary Canadian art. The judges--York University art historian **Dr. Theodore Heinrich**; art critic and columnist **Kay Kritzwiser**; and art collector and lecturer **Dr. Sydney Wax**. By the way, the entire exhibition of more than 100 pieces will be on display in Simpson's fifth floor Avon Galleries from March 20 to April 5. The sale by auction follows on Saturday, April 7, at the Inn on the Park.

**Maxwell Cohen**

**Maxwell Cohen**, dean of law at McGill University, has been appointed president of the Advisory Council on Justice by Quebec Justice Minister **Jerome Choquette**. This body is an agency attached to the justice department to find ways and means to improve the dispensation of law in the province.

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Toronto-born **Susan Devor**, daughter of Mildred and the late John Devor, and Montreal-born **Fran Lieberman** will be bringing the music of Israel to Canada during **Shalom--Israel at Yorkdale** from March 22--31. The girls met in Israel and are fast becoming one of the most popular folk duos there. They are coming to Toronto especially for the event and will entertain audiences informally in Yorkdale mall several times daily throughout the 10-day exposition of Israeli culture and products.

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**Ben Kayfetz** tells us that there is an interesting follow-up to his account of Reb Moishele, the Strettener Rebbe, and his four sons that appeared in our Feb. 23 issue. He received a call from **Mrs. Isadore Cass** who identified the English-accented gabbai mentioned in the article as her father **Marius Lipson**. Although Mr. Lipson was not born a Chassid and did not even speak Yiddish until he was married, he nevertheless became a staunch Chassid and follower of the Strettener Rebbe. And a touching close to the story is that he died right in the shul where he had experienced so much joy and inspiration.

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Former Torontonian **Ben Lappin**, head of Bar-Ilan University's school of social work, has been appointed to the 10-man advisory committee for the planning and development of welfare services in Israel. According to Welfare Minister **Michael Hazani**, the changes in Israeli society necessitate the updating and overhauling of the entire welfare system.

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Oops! department--Last week's column mentioned the opening of **David Latchman**'s photography exhibit, but forgot to say where! Well, the place is Holy Blossom Temple and the show will be there till the end of the month.

# *Girl volunteer wins Rotman award*

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON—

Donna Marcaccio, an 18-year-old grade 13 student of Cathedral High School for girls in Hamilton, was the winner of the fourth Max Rotman Humanitarian Youth Award for 1972 at a ceremony at the Jewish Community Centre last week.

The award is sponsored jointly by the Jewish Community Centre and the city of Hamilton to honor the memory of Rotman, physical education director of the centre from 1953 until his death in 1967.

Donna Marcaccio

Mayor Victor K. Copps brought greetings from the city and Lincoln Alexander, M.P. for Hamilton West, was guest speaker. Alexander commended the impetus being given by the Jewish centre for concern for fellow men and stresses the need for greater concern for the individual in this computer age of soulless government and huge organizations for mass welfare.

"Thank God for the Max Rotmans who have passed on to us their concern for the individual," he said. "There is a place for individual commitment and I can think of no other project which so deserves support and understanding."

Nominations are invited from all schools, churches, synagogues and organizations in the city for the award which is given to a young person between the ages of 14 and 19 for his or her "cheerful dedication to fellow man and the performance of some outstanding humane service, and who otherwise conducts him or herself in an outstanding way."

Mrs. Max Rotman presented the award to Donna for her outstanding work with mentally handicapped children and for "being a very unselfish young lady with the welfare of others uppermost in her mind."

David A. Robinson

# *Lawyer dies at 71*

HAMILTON—

David A. Robinson, well known Hamilton lawyer, died here Feb. 24 at the age of 71.

A graduate of Osgoode Hall, he began practising law in 1926 and in 1946 was named King's Counsel. He was assistant Crown attorney for the county of Wentworth for 14 years and for many years served as director of the Canadian Welfare Council as well as chairman of the national committee on revisions to the Juvenile Delinquents' Act.

He was a member of the board of education for seven years from 1935, serving as chairman of the board in 1941 and 1942. He was a past president of B'nai B'rith Viceroy Reading Lodge and of Temple Anshe Sholom.

His interests ranged from the law and politics to the arts, history and travel, and he served as president of a great variety of associations, including the Hamilton-Wentworth Conservative Association, the Hamilton Lawyers' Club, the Hamilton Art Gallery, the Hamilton Association for the Advancement of Literature, Science and the Arts.

He leaves his wife, Zelda, and three sons, Michael, Daniel and Samuel, and two daughters, Mrs. Joan Rachelle Herzog and Mrs. Molly Ann Schwarcz.


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*Report on Quebec says*

# Outlying communities shrinking

(From our Quebec Bureau)

MONTREAL-

Jewish communities in Quebec's outlying areas are suffering from dwindling populations and rampant intermarriage, reports Ginger Richman, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress' community services committee.

Jewish families residing outside the island of Montreal are centred mainly in the communities of Sherbrooke, Quebec City, and St. Agathe.

"In Sherbrooke, for example, of the 32 families living in the city, about one third do not have Jewish mates," explained Mrs. Richman, "and when young people finish school they invariably leave for Montreal, probably never to return to their homes."

Almost all Jews living in the outlying areas are in business for themselves, she added, which explains why the adults maintain homes in those cities. Unless those children decide to succeed their parents, they usually leave for the larger city.

The main thrust of the community services committee is to make contact with outlying community leaders in order to build a binding relationship between those representatives and the Congress' Eastern Region.

The committee now mails out all Congress communication materials to every Jewish citizen, and has invited two representatives from each of the three communities to join the Eastern Region executive.

Mrs. Richman reported that Jews in the outlying cities are fluently bilingual, and have never encountered any form of anti-Jewish discrimination.

"A few years ago Sherbrooke wanted to have an Israel Bond drive, but they were cautious because of the small size of the Jewish population.

"What they did, and this shows just what kind of rapport they have with the non-Jewish population, was to sell bonds to everyone in the Sherbrooke community. Of the $165,000 worth of bonds sold over $100,000 worth was bought by non-Jews."

The Sherbrooke community has a fully functioning synagogue, but it lacks an ordained spiritual leader. "One of the things Sherbrooke said they lack, is a kind of 'hamasha' atmosphere, and they've asked us, particularly during Jewish holidays, to help set up programming."

In Quebec City, explained Mrs. Richman, there are about 70 Jewish families, with a large synagogue and a well-known spiritual leader. Most men in the community are active in the Quebec City B'nai B'rith Lodge, and the women are involved in Hadassah-WIZO.

The Quebec community has recently structured a steering committee, composed of members from the two organizations, brotherhood, and sisterhood, to bridge the gap between the city and Montreal.

The St. Agathe community has 25 families attending the city's synagogue, but the number swells during the year because of Montreal Jews who maintain country homes in the area.

The Congress, in co-operation with Rabbi Michael Kramer of the Adath Israel Synagogue of Montreal, is planning to visit towns such as Three Rivers, Granby, Shawinigan Falls, and St. Jovite where there may be only one or two Jewish families.

# *Syrian Jews 'forgotten hostages,' committee founder tells FJWO*

TORONTO-

The desperate plight of Syrian Jews was graphically described at a recent board meeting of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations at Holy Blossom Temple.

Referring to the "forgotten hostages of the Middle East," Judy Feld, who with her husband Dr. Ronald Feld two years ago formed the Canadian Committee for the Rescue of Jews in Arab Lands, told the assemblage of the day-to-day dangers and degradations of Jewish life in Syria. Using a map and other materials she received from the Syrian government by giving a fictitious Arab name, she pointed out the three areas in which the remaining 5,000 Jews are being kept in filthy ghettos and in near starvation.

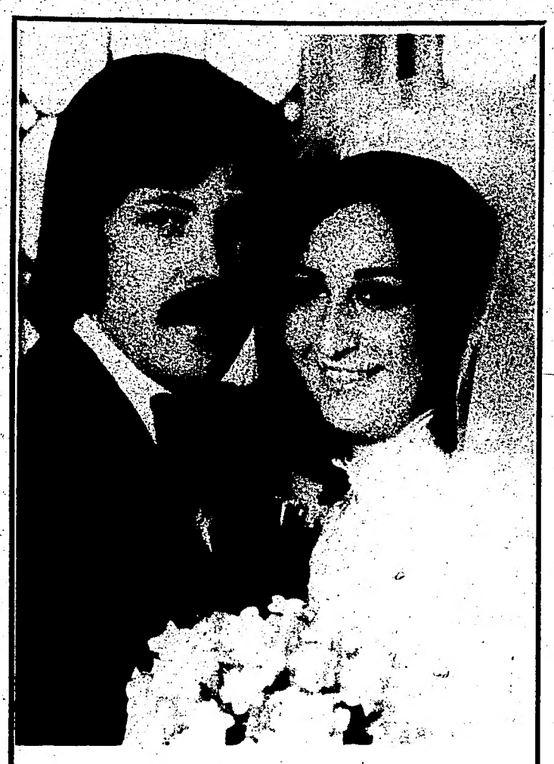
"Syria's Jews are totally isolated from the outside world," Mrs. Feld stated. "They are not allowed telephones and cannot drive cars. They must carry cards, the color of which immediately identifies them as Jews."

She likened the Syrian government to the Nazis in their brutality and told of the case of a 16-year-old Jewish boy who needs life-saving heart surgery, but who has been refused permission to go to Beirut for the operation.

Because of Canada's good relations with Syria, Mrs. Feld urged the women to ask Ottawa to use its influence with the Syrians to release Jews and allow emigration.

The capacity turnout for the FJWO, representing all women's organizations and sisterhoods in Toronto, also heard a report from Genya Intrater, chairman of Women for Soviet Jewry. She warned of growing anti-Semitism in Russia and cautioned that we should not be lulled by Soviet tactics. "Although thousands of Jews have been permitted to leave for Israel, we cannot speculate on what the Soviets will do next. We must continue to send money and parcels to sustain the families that have lost jobs."

The FJWO operates through the auspices of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and acts as a clearing house for women's organizations in Toronto. Upcoming fund-raising and educational programs are announced at meetings, eliminating the possibility of duplicating activities. Heading the FJWO this year is Sylvia Shankar.



## Grossman's daughter weds Rodger Fletcher

TORONTO-

Susan Joy Grossman, daughter of Ontario Revenue Minister Allan Grossman and Mrs. Grossman, was married to Rodger Brian Fletcher, son of Mr. Robert Fletcher and the late Mrs. Fletcher of Aurora, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Officiating at the ceremony were Rabbi Richard Marcovitz and Rabbi David Monson.

Mrs. Jay Davis attended her sister as matron of honor. The bride's brother, Mr. Larry Grossman, was best man and acted as master of ceremones at the dinner which followed the candlelight ceremony.

Among the invited guests were Lieutenant Governor W. Ross Macdonald, Premier William Davis and members of the cabinet and their wives. From out-of-town were Judge Reginald Holzer and Mrs. Holzer of Chicago, Mr. Joseph Janthur of Germany and the Hon. Herbert Polzl of Austria.

# *No assimilation, says minister*

MONTREAL-

Immigration Minister Jean Bienvenue rejected any notions on the part of the Quebec people to assimilate ethnic groups into the mainstream of Quebec life-particularly assimilation by force.

Bienvenue's policy position was also a rejection of the Parti Quebecois' platform which places restrictions on new immigrants adopting the English language. The PQ strategy was adopted at a conference held on the same weekend.

Alternating in French and English, the minister said it would be "mishugge" to impose restraints on cultural and religious traditions.

He spoke to an audience of over 200 at the annual meeting of the Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

"I feel certain that what will remain a matter of astonishment and scandal," he said, "is that the horrors, that you and your dearest ones experienced, ever could have happened; they testify to the almost infinite capacity of the human soul for evil as well as for good."

Speaking on the language question, he said the problem has been troubling a great number of consciences, and has even been over dramatized. The minister urged the Jewish community to understand and speak French "more and more."

# *Balter is selected as managing director of Lucerne Hotel*

TORONTO-

Phillip Balter, a well known figure in the kosher hotel field, has been appointed managing director of the Lucerne Hotel, Miami Beach.

Balter, a newcomer to the Miami area, has long been associated with kosher hotels in the north. They include Laurel in the Pines, Lakewood, N.J.; Stevensville, Swan Lake, N.Y.; and the Concord Hotel, Kiamisha Lake, N.Y. He was also managing director of the Seacrest in Cape Cod.

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# *Cuban Jewry to be sent Passover food*

MONTREAL-

Over $14,000 worth of Passover foods will be sent to the Cuban Jewish community in the very near future, a Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman said here recently.

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*At Holy Blossom...*

# The choir sings 'unto the Lord'

By MIRIAM HERMAN
TORONTO–

"O sing unto the Lord a new song" the Psalms proclaim! And every Sunday morning, come rain or come shine, the Holy Blossom Temple Singers do just that!

In fact, they have been singing on Sunday mornings for the past 25 years. What began as a glee club for a small group of men, has grown to a choral society of some 50 men and women that still includes some of the original members. All members of the community are welcome to join their ranks.

Their repertoire runs the musical gamut from traditional Hebrew and Yiddish songs to the classics by Handel and Shubert as well as contemporary works. Right now rehearsals are geared to an April 6 presentation of a Friday evening service with string ensemble. The sermon in song is to be the story of creation as told by a Negro minister with choir acting as congregation. Also in the offing is a program for the National Council of Jewish Women on May 9.

The present conductor, Holy Blossom's Cantor Sheldon Merel, follows an impressive roster of talented leadership, all of whom have made an imprint on the Toronto musical scene–the late Emil Gartner, Gordon Kushner, Ben Steinberg and Cantor Jacob Barkin.

"I literally inherited a very special institution," the cantor said. "Most of them cannot read music but through their sheer love of singing have learned to follow the notes and through sufficient repetition are able to sing four-part harmony."

Somewhat bewildered as to what keeps this group coming back each Sunday morning year after year, he added: "Being their director and a professional singer, I naturally see music as a marvellous means of expression demanding complete physical and mental involvement. That is my view–but what about the Temple singers?"

What indeed! What is it that brings out these people of varied backgrounds and professions on a non-working day when most people are catching a few extra hours of sleep? What is it that turns average in-the-shower singers into avid music-makers?

It could be just that they love to sing. It could be the relaxation after a week of tension build-up, the schmoozing at coffee break, or even the excitement of a new challenge.

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As Morley Pape, one of the charter members, put it: "Always there was a song in the life of Jews. Songs of joy, of sadness, of victory, of mourning, at work, at prayer, and at the cradle. So it is with the Temple singers and so it has been for 25 years."

Cantor Sheldon Merel

# *Kashruth questions keep the rabbi busy*

By ROCHELLE CARR
TORONTO–

As Passover approaches, the telephone doesn't stop ringing at the kashruth department of the Canadian Jewish Congress. One woman, who had recently restyled her kitchen, wanted to know if the counter top would have to be covered during Passover because of the material used in making it.

Everyone knows the high cost of food products during Passover. The most common complaint to this department concerns the price of meat. But, according to Nachmen Shemen, director, Orthodox Division and Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, this is a year-round complaint, not just one concerning kosher meat.

He feels women often buy certain cuts of meat, despite the time of the year and the availability of meat, causing them to pay exorbitant prices at times. He believes that when a federal consumer's committee in Ottawa looks into all aspects of kosher meat and other kosher products, it is very possible the whole picture will be different. Prices might be affected, and certainly laws governing kosher signs will be regulated.

Shemen also points out that this year some companies from the United States have arranged to look after supervision here locally, and this makes it easier for Canadian consumers--price-wise as well as creating more jobs for people here.

Shemen notes that Orthodox families who want Shemura matzos for the Passover, but can't afford them (they are about $1.00 a piece) should contact their rabbi or the Lubavitch or Rabbi Gedalia Felder, chairman of Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, and the matzos will be provided free.

Shemen's department is also planning another seminar before Passover, under the initiative of the Rabbinical Council of America, Ontario Branch. These seminars are becoming a tradition in Toronto because of their popularity.

This department has also finished preparing a revised annual and Passover kashruth directory for which people may now ask.


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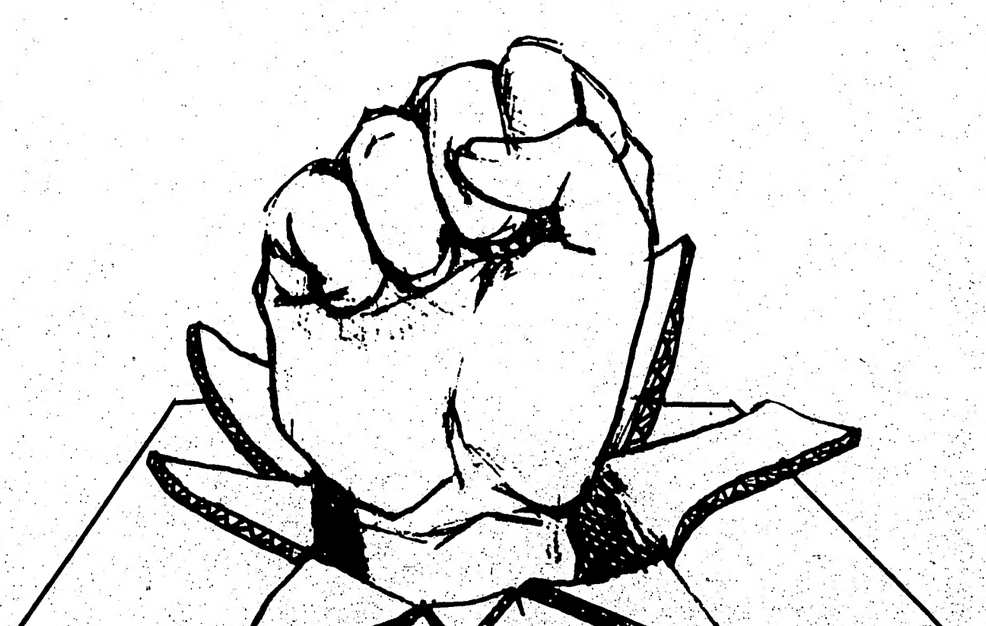

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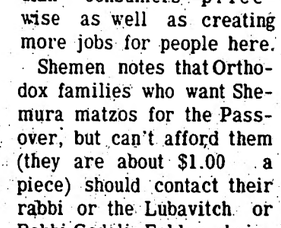

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# UJWF spends $1 million on youth, says memo

TORONTO-

Local Jewish community agencies associated with the Social Planning Committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund spend close to $1 million a year on various youth services. The UJWF, which obtains its funds from the annual UJA campaign, provides $200,000 of this amount.

This is shown in a memorandum prepared by the Welfare Fund's social planning department, which says that more than 12,000 young people are served annually. Many are served by more than one agency.

Personal, family and social needs are so complex, says the memorandum, that they often must be met through two or more services of agencies, "requiring a comprehensive co-ordinated inter - agency approach to programs for young people."

To sustain their relevance and assure continuing effectiveness with youth, agencies have been finding more and more ways of co-ordinating and more ways of co-ordinating their approaches and "plugging in" appropriate services as required.

The memorandum stresses that the Welfare Fund is committed to a central role in communal planning, organization and development and that the UJWF therefore "must assume the burden of community priority setting in the area of services to youth and to help muster the necessary and organizational strengths to assure rational and relevant development in this field."

The memorandum explains that the agencies which provide service to youth include among their clients, members and participants: infants requiring foster placement or adoption; children young enough to be enrolled in nursery and day care services; elementary, junior and high school students; older adolescents and young adults attending colleges and universities; and those who have already moved on to work or dropped out of the academic sequence.

The various groups are served by the agencies in such programs and services as:

a) those provided through Jewish Family & Child Service, particularly under child protection, youth and family services-about 800.

b) Jewish Camp Council, summer programming for 3,600 campers as well as leadership programs for 80 and summer jobs for over 500 counsellors, most of whom are senior high school and college graduates.

c) YM-YWHA, which in its nursery school, group work department, cultural complex and day camps attracts a membership of over 8,000; provides voluntary activity for 200 and summer employment for another 120 adolescents and young adults.

d) BBYO, which has a membership of 900, from ages 12 to 16.

e) B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and Jewish Student Federation, which between them involve close to 1,500 students at the University of Toronto and York University.

f) Jewish Vocational Service, vocational-educational guidance, career planning and counselling as well as job finding and placement for close to 1,200 young people (600 of whom are served throught the Welfare Fund's guidance and counselling program in day schools and recreational agencies.)

g) Board of Jewish Education, day schools-3,500; evening schools-600. A variety of services is available to meet particular circumstances and needs.

h) Jewish Immigrant Aid Service-services to immigrant families and their children.

i) Scholarships - in - Aid-loans to immigrant and locally rooted youngsters.

The total adds up to substantially more than the 12,000 individuals served because many receive services from more than one agency.

The memorandum points out that in Metropolitan Toronto, the Canadian Jewish Congress has traditionally been involved in youth services-specifically in social and political action. "On the campuses at the University of Toronto and York, CJC has helped direct and co-ordinate the interests and activities of students in their responses to the new left, to the Jewish Defence League, to the plight of Soviet Jewry and to the appalling conditions of Jews in the Arab lands," the memorandum states. It goes on to say that "certainly in these areas, and beyond these into such potentially sensitive ones as inter-group relations, missionary activities and questions of prejudice and discrimination, CJC has essential responsibilities."

# *Suez Canal is the key to peace, Ovnat says*

TORONTO-

A partial peace plan, starting with the reopening of the Suez Canal under supervision of Israel and Egypt, might eventually lead to total peace in the Middle East, according to Shmuel Ovnat, consul general for Israel in Toronto.

Speaking at a meeting of the community services group of the 1973 UJA-ISF campaign, Ovnat said "limited horse trading" and the "phasing in of stability" would be the logical way to achieve peace. So far, he added, Egypt has not rejected this concept, which has been advocated by Israel.

Ovnat said that Israel's foreign affairs policy is to close the options of its adversaries. He listed these options as war, the status quo, total peace and partial peace.

By being strong spiritually and militarily, Israel eliminates the possibility of war. As for the status quo, Sadat can't afford this, due to the current power struggle inside Egypt.

The Arabs would gain from the reopening of the canal, Ovnat said, because this would enable a million refugees to return to their homes in the canal zone. At the same time, Israel would automatically fall back from its present defence lines.

Turning to the domestic situation in Israel, he said that for the first time this year, Israel's budget for social services is higher than the defence budget, and he said the change of priorities was influenced strongly by social pressures. "The people's needs cannot be ignored," he declared.

# *Oberlander named to Hall of Fame*

MONTREAL-

Fred Oberlander, 59, named top athlete at the 1953 Maccabiah games and now a leading official in Canadian wrestling circles, has been named to the Canadian Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

Born in Vienna, Oberlander, who lives in Montreal with his wife and three sons, is president of the Canadian Maccabiah Games Committee.

He twice won European championships in Greco-Roman wrestling and was six times French champion and eight times British champion. A competitor for Great Britain in the 1948 Olympics, he won Maccabiah Games gold medals in 1950 and '53 In 1949, he emigrated to Canada.

Currently, he is a director of the Canadian Olympic Committee, Canadian Sports Federation, and the World Maccabiah Games Committee. Chairman of the Canadian Wrestling Association, he will be the international wrestling body's representative at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.


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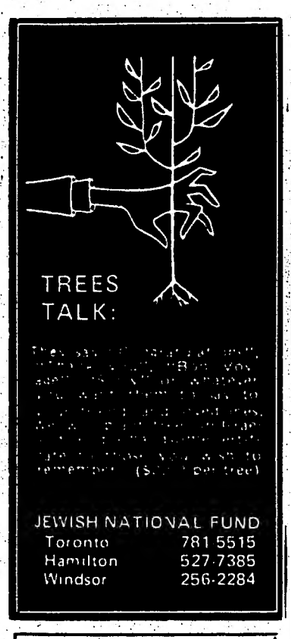


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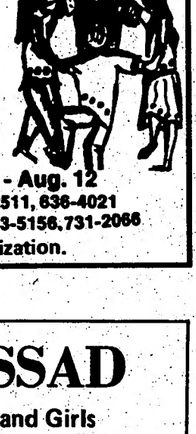
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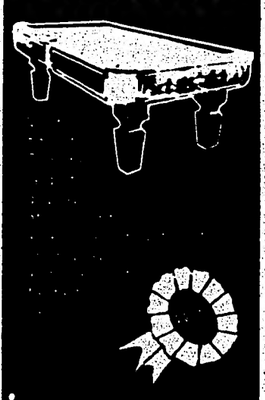
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# Newspaper is critical of break in kibbutz routine

TEL AVIV-

Should kibbutz women be given a taste of the "good life" away from the farm? Do kibbutz men deserve an occasional "night on the town?"

The members of Shaar Hagolan and Kibbutz Ezer, affiliates of the Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz movement, believe that a break from the hard work, early-to-bed-early-to-rise routine, is warranted for members of both sexes, though not necessarily together.

It was "Women's Day" at Shaar Hagolan last week. Men took over the kitchens, nurseries and other female domains while the women were taken on a bus tour of the country and were treated like tourists. Their "day" included lunch at a luxurious sea-side hotel in Bat Yam, an entertainment program and five-o'clock tea at the Tel Aviv Sheraton.

At Kibbutz Erez it was "Men's Day." All male members had the day off and their male fantasies were catered to by the kibbutz women who served them a "festive meal" dressed in the costumes of Playboy "bunnies." Afterwards, the men were taken by bus to sample the famous night life of Tel Aviv.

Al Hamishmar, the official newspaper of Mapam and its kibbutz movement, wasn't enthralled by the idea. "Is this the right way for the kibbutz movement?" asked Mapam editoral writer in an article highly critical of the day-off activities.

## *Before Columbus*

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1,500 mile crossing of the Atlantic. According to the script, 10 men and three women survived the ordeal.

The recent discovery of an acrostic puzzle in the script was described by Gordon as constituting "incontrovertible evident of its authenticity." After unscrambling the first and last letters of each line in accordance with one pattern, two secret messages became clear. "We have been saved from the hand of death" appears on one side and an affirmation of Judaism on the other.

The acrostic puzzle, explained Gordon, was a common literary device used to conceal secret messages. The author of the script was probably in the company of Gentiles and following the time honored tradition of dissimulation.

These and other findings will be presented in his forthcoming book on Jews in America before Columbus.

## *Meir's visit*

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ments during her visits with American officials here on matters of mutual interest between the United States and Israel. She told them, "I said in 1969 that we have a friend in the White House and I can repeat it now."

It was understood in Israeli circles here that during her meetings at the White House, the State Department and the Pentagon, no demands were made on Israel and Mrs. Meir was not asked to take any measures to open any new activities regarding Middle East affairs.

## *Third jumbo jet ordered by El Al*

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# Arts

## Critic praises production

# *St. Lawrence scores with powerful Electra*

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Electra is simply one of the best productions the St. Lawrence Centre has produced since it opened in 1970. The direction, acting, music, costumes and set design all work together as a unit for the play's good, not separately for their own ends.

The well-known story of a sister (Electra) and brother's (Orestes) revenge of their father's murder and mother's adultery, has two themes.

The prevalent one is the ancient Greek's view of the law, the impetuosity of the gods and how both of these affected man's future. This idea may be hard to accept today since man is now the shaper of his own destiny.

But the theme that is more applicable in our time is the horrible implications of revenge killing, 'an eye for an eye.' It seems especially relevant in the light of the recent arguments concerning the abolition or retention of the death penalty.

Euridides, writing in 413 B.C., shows that the feeling of need for revenge on the part of Electra and Orestes is strong, but the guilt and torment they feel after the killings is much stronger and worse.

Orestes must go through 'maddening wandering' as a punishment before he finds happiness; Electra must 'drain the fullness of a murderer's doom' before she finds her peace. Was avenging their father's death and mother's adultery worth the result? Euridides definitely says 'no.'

To say the least, the play is full of power and foreboding. Murray Laufer's sombre, rocky set; Robert Doyle's dark, rough looking costumes, especially those of the chorus, and Gabriel Charpentier's eery music all help to create the mood. The largest contributor, under Kurt Reis' direction, is the cast, which is excellent, with one exception.

Monique Mercure as Electra, is passionate, full of torment and anguish. She has incredible energy and is almost animalistic. Richard Monette is aristocratic and tragic as Orestes. The chorus of five, superbly led by Marilyn Lightstone, is an echo for Electra; in a sense the chorus is her soul. Therefore, one sees the same high level of passion, the same utter desperation, the same energy.

The one detractor from this excellence is Sean McCann as Electra's farmer husband. While the play calls for him to be kind, honorable and compassionate, McCann is unbelievable and ineffectual. However, Reis' success of bringing out the fullest potential of the play and the rest of the cast overpowers the performance and just makes it a lone black mark in an otherwise excellent effort.

One can only hope that **Electra** is not just a flash in the pan production enjoying a rare spurt of power and that future St. Lawrence works will follow suit.

*'Full of power and foreboding'*

Monique Mercure playing Electra at the St. Lawrence Centre is passionate, full of torment and anguish, writes Lynn Slotkin. "She has incredible energy."

# *The Divine Miss Midler revives urban, irreverent cabaret style with roots in Yiddish vaudeville*

MUSIC

By RICK KARDONNE

Bette Midler is the most exciting performer to hit the North American pop scene in at least four years. But in a way, she is more than that. She revives, as a singer, a cherished tradition that has been absent from the North American pop scene for at least two decades: the urban, funky, highly eclectic and refreshing irreverent cabaret style that has its roots in Yiddish vaudeville and theatre.

She conveys an image of mock - show - biz - chic, tongue-in-cheek divine decadence nostalgia, and campy fun, ably satirizing certain trends of the past: the "hubba-hubba-doo-wah" style of the Andrews Sisters of the 30s; the "shooby-dooby" style of the 40s, and, best of all, the "shu-bop-be-bop" style of such early 60s groups as the Shangri-Las and the Dixie Cups. Dressed in the tacky and flashy costumes of each era, she wowed the packed house with her better-than-the-original rendition of such grease-rock classics as **Duke of Earl, Leader of the Pack** and **Chapel of Love**. But she was equally captivating with her rendition of an Andrews Sisters oldie which she did with her utterly divine back-up group who themselves parodied the Supremes.

The Divine Miss M has fabulous stage personality. Extremely articulate and often hilariously funny, she instantly established a perfect rapport with her audience, telling us off-the-cuff anecdotes about her travels in Los Angeles (where even the busboys claim to be actors) Buffalo (a lot better than Troy, N.Y.) and Toronto (which is a bit like London, to which someone in the audience shouted "Ontario!"). This is a quality which has been lacking from performers in the recent past; a virtue which I very much enjoyed. Thanks to her, Massey Hall that evening was a very warm, good-timey place.

My main reservation concerning Bette Midler lies in the actual new musical material which she sings. Aside from the nostalgia numbers, which are currently her forte and which are loads of fun, the more recent songs which she sang were disappointingly conventional. They included one ballad by the overrated country-western singer John Prine, a rendition of the Carpenter's mushy hit **Superstar** (not to be confused with J.C.) and even a gospel-folk-rock number entitled **Mansion in the Sky**. Such a tame choice of material seemed highly inappropriate for a girl who wishes to be tacky, urban-bohemian and, as I believe, a true torchbearer of the great Jewish secular pop music heritage of such greats as Sophie Tucker, Lotte Lenay, Ethel Merman and Barbra Streisand.

Unless she wants to completely stick to nostalgia (which I don't think she'll do if she wants to outlast the current nostalgia fad), Miss Midler should be doing new songs that are in the satirical tradition of composers in the same spirit of Jaques Brel, George Gershwin and the Fugs–or somebody completely original. She said in a recent **Star** interview that she wants to be thought of as Charlie Chaplin; well, if she does, let Miss Midler remember that not only did Chaplin also have a brilliantly tacky image; his material was as equally tacky and brilliant.

Let's hope that Bette Midler, the Divine Miss M, a singer whom I very much enjoyed as a performer, will take my advice, and thus go on to become one of the all-time greats.

# Herbert Gold's moving story of his growth

BOOKS

**MY LAST TWO THOUSAND YEARS by Herbert Gold; Random House of Canada. $7.95**

By BERNARD BASKIN

At one time or another every sensitive Jew must make peace with himself and come to terms with his identity. It took Herbert Gold quite a long time. His road was rocky and circuitous. It led from Lakewood, Ohio, the place of his birth, through many of the great glittering cities of the world to the land of Israel.

The moment of truth and awakening was attained in Israel in 1958 during its 10th anniversary. There in the country of his forebears "where the American Jew feels like a visitor from an ancient Gothic land" the author stripped himself of all deception. For the first time he was able to cry exultantly "I am. I am Herbert Gold. I am the American Herbert Gold. I am the American Herbert Gold, a writer. I am the Jew who is also an American who remembers he was a Jew raised among people tho knew little of what a Jew is."

The author, even as a child, discovered that he was considered an outsider; his Jewishness was suspect in the eyes of his untutored neighbors. In his quest for acceptance he vowed to erase all vestiges of difference and singularity. After all, America was enough. But, in time, Gold painfully realized that America was not enough-even if it was synonymous with fame, fortune and acclaimed articles in widely-read American magazines.

Always there was a canker of doubt eating away at his well-being and equanimity. He was unwilling to change his name. In such exotic surroundings as a remote Haitian village and aboard a Greek liner he seeks out and finds identification with fellow Jews. Schneider the tailor (what was he doing in the foresaken dusty town of Jacmel?) and Hannah who had been brutally abused by the Nazis ("her body sculpted into a parody of an erotic demon") bring a strange sense of Jewish peoplehood and destiny.

The author is never very clear or rational about his Jewish feelings. They remain a fuzzy amalgam of defiance, acceptance, wonder and guilt.

In his quest for maturity and self-acceptance, Gold details the life of a writer in New York and Paris. He doesn't spare us his many sexual encounters, the story of his two marriages and his meeting with well-known fellow writers and searchers.

Eloquent and beautifully written, this many-layered Bildingsroman is a moving and painful study. It is a worthy successor to his earlier autobiographical book, **Fathers**, and a positive, if rather uncertain, statement of a much travelled Jew who has returned home.

# Art bank creates excitement

By WALTER KLEPAC

One million dollars has been set aside annually for the next five years to purchase contemporary Canadian art by the Canada Council Art Bank, causing a flurry of excitement among artists and dealers alike.

The purchased works will be rented out by the bank to government departments and agencies at a yearly fee of 12 per cent of the cost of the work.

Luke Rombout, former art museum curator and art historian, is responsible for administering the art bank. Rombout and his "ad hoc" advisory committee have been buying art by Canadian artists throughout the country since September. The committee is made up of Rombout and "two others" who are either local artists, curators or art historians.

Aside from Rombout the membership varies each time the committee officially meets to select work.

By the end of last year Rombout spent well over half of the art bank's annual budget to purchase more than 1,000 works by 180 different artists. Part of the remaining amount will however be used to set up a warehouse in Ottawa to store the purchased works and to establish an up-to-date cataloguing system.

Response on the part of government agencies to the program has been enthusiastic and the art bank finds itself somewhat in a flurry meeting the various requests to rent the acquired art.

For a program which was agreed to by the cabinet and hastily implemented, the art bank has demonstrated since its inception a surprising flexibilty of policy if not an outright lack of definition and purpose.

It does seem strange that at at time of increased government circumspection about spending would approve a five million dollar project without being deeply convinced of its merit and purpose.

(It has been pointed out that the program will also cost an additional $600,000 annually for the government agencies to rent the art works.) Yet Rombout seems to have changed his mind about a number of fundamental points without apparently receiving much flack from the keepers of the federal purse strings.


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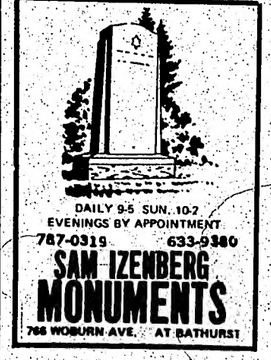

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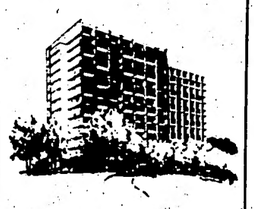

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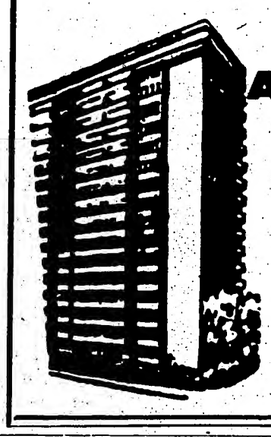

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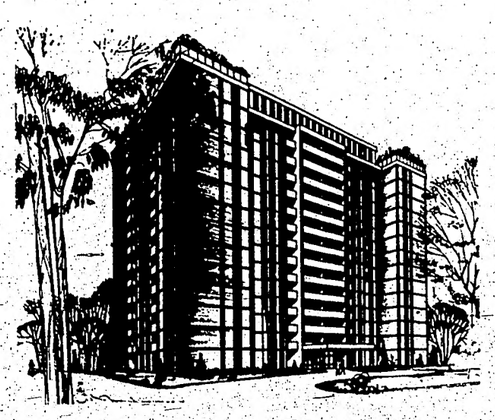

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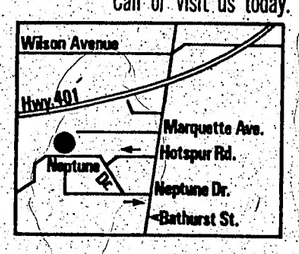


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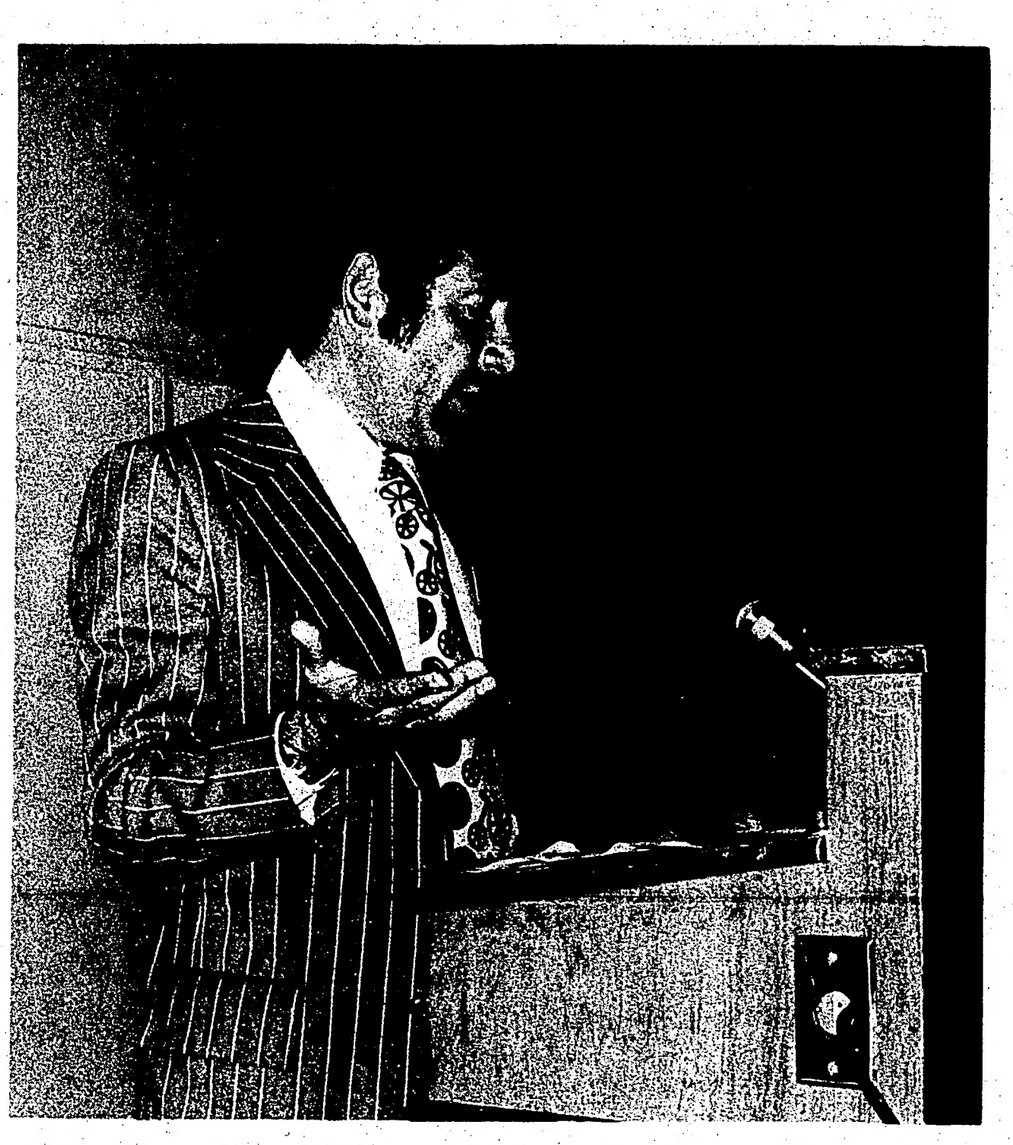

As the 1973 UJA-ISF campaign enters into its third month, I have mixed emotions as to the results to date.

Statistically, we're doing very well. The IBM computer at 150 Beverley St. reports that in dollar returns we are running about a month ahead of 1972, and contributions are as much as 25% higher than last year.

But on an emotional basis, we're not doing so well. When I study some of the contributions being made, I realize that too many members of our community take a hard-headed business approach and ask their accountants what they should give. In my opinion, all of us should be giving from the heart–we have a job to do to help Jews in Israel and here at home, so let's do it with an open heart.

Let's give because we want to do our share...not because we have to. Let's not wait to see what the other guy gives. Let's give willingly and generously because we know it's our responsibility and our privilege to give. Let's be thankful we CAN give and are not on the receiving end.

At the annual meeting of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, the retiring President, Harry Wolfson, stated that "the community is so affluent that giving of the measure needed will not bring the slightest inconvenience to the living pattern of our contributors".

I heartily concur with this view and if all of you stop to think about it, I know you will agree that we have the capacity to give much, much more than we have up to now.

Sincerely,

Al Green

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